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Ham Branch, Loop Road, Easton

Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2014

Easton's Conservation Commission and Our Watersheds

For centuries, we have drawn vitality, energy and inspiration from our watersheds – the headwaters of the Ham Branch and the Wild Ammonoosuc. In 2015, we celebrate the health of these complex river systems, and all of those who have protected this natural wonder over time.

Once stripped of timber, and host to water-powered mills, the rivers and surrounding hillsides have now recovered to host thriving forests and the New Hampshire's highest-ranked wildlife habitat. Populations of Eastern Brook Trout – a critical "indicator" species for wildlife biologists have been observed high in the watershed tributaries. In the valleys, we are fortunate to be able to mark time by our sightings of moose, bear, or even a bobcat.

In 2014, through the efforts of the Easton Conservation Commission (ECC), and assisted by the Select Board and Planning Board, Easton took important new steps to protect its prized "riparian" resources. A study of the Ham Branch by Plymouth State University was carried out in partnership with Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust. The study revealed overall health of the river and excellent landowner attitudes and practices.

Along with the Society for Protection of NH Forests, and with generous gifts from Easton residents, the ECC is working to complete the Darvid Farm Conservation Easement in 2015. This will protect important Ham Branch tributaries and a priceless scenic and agricultural landmark.

As its major 2014 initiative, the ECC nominated the Ham Branch within the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, an effort approaching completion in the New Hampshire Legislature. It is a program that ensures local planning and oversight, a say in state permitting, and statewide recognition of the importance of Easton's natural rivers.

Through the efforts of this energetic team, Easton has become recognized, as a leader, statewide, in natural resource protection.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

for the year ending December 31, 2014

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TOWN OFFICERS
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen

Edward Cutler	(2015)
Zhenye (Zak) Mei	(2016)
Deborah Stever	(2017)

Town Clerk

Robert Thibault	(2015)

Treasurer

Darrel Gearhart	(2015)

Tax Collector

Lisa Cutler	(2015)

Moderator

Jim Collier	(2016)

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Ralph Brigida	(2016)

Lafayette School Board

Denys Draper	(2017)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Lisa Cutler	(2015)
Ed O'Brien	(2016)
Tambra Gearhart	(2020)

Cemetery Trustees

Kristina Pastoriza	(2015)
Denys Draper	(2016)
Richard Larcom	(2017)

Library Trustees

Laura Treuman	(2015)	Bernice Ford	(2016)	Denys Draper	(2017)

Planning Board

Sam Brown	(2015)	Gary Harwood	(2017)
Phil Reeder	(2016)	Zhenye (Zak) Mei	(Ex Officio)
Jim Collier	(2016)	Lisa Cutler	(Alternate)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief: Charles Casey

Health Officer: Inga Johnson

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Dennis Ford	(2016)
Greg Sorg	(2016)
Mike Kelley	(2017)
John Hynes	(2017)
Edward Cutler	(Ex Officio)
Jack Feenstra	(Retired)

Deputy Town Clerk: Toni Woodruff

Emergency Manager: Edward Cutler

Welfare Officer: Zhenye (Zak) Mei

Site Inspector: Art Rainville (Resigned)

Road Agent: Robert Peckett

Recreation Committee: Susan Ford (Resigned)
Matt Koehler

Animal Control Officer: Richard Larcom

Deputy Tax Collector: Robert Thibault

Conservation Commission

Roy Stever, Chair (2017)	Anita Craven (2015)	Deborah Stever (2015)
Kris Pastoriza, Vice Chair (2016)	Beth Harwood (2017)	Mike Platt (Alternate) (2015)
Maria Hynes (2016)	Steve Sabre (2015)	Carl Lakes (Alternate) (2017)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 2014 was a busy one for Easton's Select Board (SB).

The threat of Northern Pass is still very real, and we remained active in Easton's fight by attending meetings, writing letters, and holding PSNH accountable for their activities in our Town.

After receiving a grant from US Department of Homeland Security, the SB, along with residents, other town officials, and state representatives, has been participating in a series of meetings to identify hazards in town, and to mitigate their potential impact. The topics range from road hazards, extreme weather, forest fire, flooding, erosion and more.

The SB has also been coordinating with NH Department of Transportation. The process of changing the entrance to Gibson Road to make it safer has taken longer than anticipated, but work is now scheduled to start in the spring.

The SB mapped all town roads and updated the information with NHDOT. Culverts are also being marked and prioritized for cleaning and repair to assure the Town is prepared for future expenditures.

Other road issues in town were addressed. The dirt portions of Paine Road and Reel Brook Road, both Class VI roads, were declared emergency lanes. This will enable the Town to set up a fund to maintain the roads for use by emergency vehicles.

In conjunction with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, the SB supported efforts to ensure the quality of Easton watersheds in the future, including the nomination of the Ham Branch to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (NHRMPP). The proposed 2015 zoning warrant article arose out of a variety of 2014 initiatives: including NHRMPP as well as the findings of an Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust/Plymouth State University study. It is intended to ensure consistency with the 2010 Easton Master Plan, and as is currently an action item within the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

We were in regular contact with Lafayette and Profile Schools, the Tri-Town Transfer Station and the Lafayette Recreation Department to make sure our tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Also, the SB continues to address a small number of landowner issues.

The SB has taken steps to better connect decisions with the concerns of residents. At the 2015 budget hearing, donations made by the Town to charitable organizations were identified and broken down in to individual line items to allow the residents to ask questions. This year's warrant article regarding our Town Library was written for that very reason, and it is our hope that a lively and productive discussion will occur at Town Meeting to help better guide us in its future.

Finally, all three members of the SB have graduated from NH's Select Board Institute, a level of commitment that not many towns in NH have achieved! We have worked

closely with NH Municipal Association, NHDES and other supporting agencies to answer questions that are brought forth to us, and make informed decisions.

We encourage any of you to attend our bi-weekly Monday meetings. They begin at 6, with the public portion starting at 6:30. Please visit our webpage, at www.townofeastonnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Select Board
Edward Cutler - Chairman
Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Deborah Stever

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 11, 2014

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Polls will open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.

Ballot Clerks were sworn in at 10:45 am and at 2:45 pm by Bob Thibault, Town Clerk. Jim Collier, Moderator, called the warrant, reading the paragraph above officially opening the polls at 11:00 am. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant by Bob Thibault, seconded by many and passed on a voice vote. Voting commenced from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Election results are below.

The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order at 7:45 pm by the Moderator. Mr Moderator asked for the veterans present to stand and be recognized, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, and Assistant Moderator. Mr. Moderator related some thoughts on our First Amendment rights and related the reactions of some Eastern European students of his acquaintance who could not even grasp the freedom of speech we take for granted at assemblies like Town meetings. He gave the usual basic guidelines of the rules of the meeting and reminded people to state their names and addresses when recognized and to address their comments to the Moderator. The Moderator then read the call to the warrant. A motion was made by Barbara Collier, seconded by many to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot, and to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor. (Ballot Vote)

The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the Article as follows: With 112 people voting:

Selectman - 3 year term:
Deborah Stever 71

Town Clerk - 1 year term:
Bob Thibault 111

Tax Collector - 1 year term:
Lisa Cutler 110

Treasurer - 1 year term:
Darrel Gearhart 106

Planning Board (2) - 3 year term:
James Collier 95
Gary Harwood 100

Planning Board - 1 year term:
Sam Brown 105

Moderator - 2 year term:
James Collier 104

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term:
Tambra Gearhart 106

Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term:
Richard Larcom 103

Library Trustee – 3 year term:
Denys Draper 2

For Executive Councilor
Michael J. Cryans (D) 76
Joseph D. Kenney (R) 34
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ARTICLE 2. Formation of Easton River Committee to Nominate the Ham Branch, under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to name a representative(s) to the River Committee and to support the River Committee in preparing and submitting a nomination of the Ham Branch and Ham Branch Watershed to the Department of Environmental Services under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. The program is consistent with the values expressed in Easton's 2010 Master Plan and is intended to provide the Town and its residents with information and education to protect the watershed.

Roy Stever moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to name a representative(s) to the River Committee and to support the River Committee in preparing and submitting a nomination of the Ham Branch and Ham Branch Watershed to the Department of Environmental Services under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. The program is consistent with the values expressed in Easton's 2010 Master Plan and is intended to provide the Town and its residents with information and education to protect the watershed.
Seconded by Ed O'Brien. Mr Stever explained that the purpose of the program is to help communities protect their watersheds by providing education and outreach. He stated that there are no restrictions to landowners other than current existing regulations and that New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is very interested in protecting watersheds.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Town Operating Budget
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$214,158.00** for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	$17,650.00
Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Stats	12,700.00
Financial Administration	12,500.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	5,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	1,800.00
Insurance	5,100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,500.00
General Government - Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	0.00
Ambulances	4,719.00
Fire Department	21,750.00
Building Inspections	0.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fire	500.00
Emergency Management - Communication	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	45,000.00
Solid Waste	22,023.00

Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,761.00
Welfare Assistance	3,000.00
Other Welfare	2,790.00
Tri-Town Recreation Programs	10,056.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Boys and Girls Club of the North Country	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bond - Principal	6,000.00
Construction Bond - Interest	2,209.00
Total Operating Budget	$214,158.00

Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $214,158.00 for general Town operations, seconded by Shirley Boucher.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Tom Boucher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Kevin O'Brien.
Ed O'Brien reminded all that preventative maintenance would go a long way toward extending road life suggesting that more preventative maintenance be performed in the future.
With no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Zak Mei moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Denys Draper.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Town Cemetery. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Ned Cutler moved that the Town create a Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Town Cemetery. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority Vote required.)

Tom Boucher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Fund, of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Zak Mei moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Maria Hynes.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the acquisition and replacement of fire equipment; of this amount the entirety is to be

raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the acquisition and replacement of fire equipment; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.
Motion seconded by Darrel Gearhart.
Ed O'Brien expressed an opinion that a committee should be formed to look at buying a new truck rather than wait. Ned Cutler responded that the current truck is running fine and that the Fire Department is looking ahead for the time when it needs to be replaced.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of covering major or unforeseen Fire Department equipment replacement and repair costs, excluding vehicle replacements. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Tom Boucher moved that the Town create a Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of covering major or unforeseen Fire Department equipment replacement and repair costs, excluding vehicle replacements. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Motion seconded by Darrel Gearhart.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Zak Mei moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.
There was no discussion on the motion.
The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Having completed the warrant, the Moderator asked if there was any other business that should come before the body.

The following items were brought up:

- **Mr Kevin O'Brien recognized to the body the dedication and effective service to the Town performed by outgoing Selectman Tom Boucher. Selectman Zak Mei also thanked Tom for being a good mentor. Mr. Boucher received a well-deserved standing ovation from the body.**
- **Mr. Greg Sorg noted that living in Easton for 25 years how he was always impressed by the quality of people serving the Town and thanked everyone who ran for office, win or lose.**
- **Tom Boucher introduced Inga Johnson, who has recently agreed to accept the position of Town Health Officer.**
  He also wanted to inform the body the Select Board members are now able to attend meetings through Skype when one of them is physically unable to attend.
- **Mr. Ed O'Brien expressed thanks and gratitude to all the Selectmen candidates for taking an active interest in the managing of the Town.**
- **Denys Draper reminded those present of the upcoming Profile and Lafayette upcoming annual school meetings.**
- **Roy Stever discussed the Lafayette School boiler replacement warrant article expressing concern backed by 3 area Conservation Commissions and Selectboards. Those groups are recommending a 1 year waiting period to be used to evaluate renewable fuel options.**
- **Mary Jo Greene, Easton's School Board Representative, encouraged everyone to attend the School Board Meetings.**
- **Fallon O'Brien spoke about Environmental Action in New Hampshire with respect to the landfill proposal in the Town of Bethlehem, encouraging everyone to get involved as it's a regional environmental issue in her view.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Thibault, seconded by many and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Thibault, Easton Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2014	Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
Taxes:			
3185 Yield Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	33,979.00	33,979.00	31,500.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3,500.00	9,139.00	4,100.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	45,000.00	57,335.00	45,000.00
3230 Building Permits	200.00	300.00	200.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	300.00	913.00	500.00
3311-3319 From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00
From State:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	12,487.00	12,487.00	12,487.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	8,625.00	8,656.00	8,656.00
3359 Other State Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	400.00	2,698.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3502 Interest on Investments	300.00	361.00	300.00
3503 Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3916 Trust & Fiduciary Funds	0.00	17,647.00	1,500.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Amount Voted From Fund Balance	10,000.00	10,000.00	32,000.00
Estimated Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	$ 129,791.00	$ 171,015.00	$ 136,743.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2014	Actual 2014	Budgeted 2015
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	$ 17,650.00	$ 17,129.00	$ 18,350.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	12,700.00	13,037.00	13,200.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	12,500.00	11,703.00	13,200.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,000.00	4,825.00	11,340.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,503.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	2,000.00	2,014.00	2,000.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	991.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	16,200.00	22,800.00	16,200.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,800.00	2,581.00	1,800.00
4196 Insurance	5,100.00	4,043.00	5,800.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,500.00	1,856.00	1,920.00
4199 Other General Government	7,500.00	5,302.00	7,500.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	0.00	0.00	0.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	4,719.00	5,401.00	4,900.00
4220-4229 Fire	21,750.00	25,437.00	21,800.00
4240-4249 Building Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	500.00	241.00	600.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,500.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	45,000.00	50,625.00	55,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4323 Solid Waste Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	21,023.00	21,023.00	22,948.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	1,761.00	1,761.00	1,761.00
Welfare:			
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance	3,000.00	1,093.00	3,000.00
4449 Other Welfare and Donations	2,790.00	2,790.00	2,790.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	10,056.00	9,145.00	8,300.00
4550-4559 Library	250.00	302.00	250.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	0.00	100.00
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00

Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	1,750.00	4,154.00	1,750.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,000.00	4,097.00	4,500.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,209.00	2,253.00	2,209.00
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	$ 214,158.00	$ 219,606.00	$ 238,768.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915 To Capital Reserve Fund	$ 20,500.00	$ 20,500.00	$ 30,500.00
4916 To Exp. Trust Fund	39,000.00	39,000.00	53,500.00
Special Articles Recommended	$ 59,500.00	$ 59,500.00	$ 84,000.00

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Individual Articles Recommended	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	$ 214,158.00	$ 238,768.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	59,500.00	84,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations Recommended	$ 273,658.00	$ 322,768.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	(129,791.00)	(136,743.00)
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$ 143,867.00	$ 186,025.00

PROFIT & LOSS
January through December 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	$ 723,866.14	
3186-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	33,979.00	
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	9,697.86	
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	57,334.97	
3230-0	Building Permits	300.00	
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	913.00	
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	12,486.60	
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	8,655.65	
3360	Grant Income - Conservation		
	3360101 - Stream Analysis	2,500.00	
3401-0	Income from All Departments	2,448.07	
3402	Sale of Cemetery Lots	250.00	
3502-0	Bank Interest	361.38	
3916-0	Transfers from Trust Funds	17,646.95	
Total Income			$870,439.62
Expense			
4130-0	Executive		
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	9,350.00	
4130150	Secretary Pay	2,790.00	
4130200	Fees-NHMA Lectures	230.00	
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	1,310.00	
4130600	Office Expenses	3,449.11	
Total 4130-0	Executive		17,129.11
4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics		
4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	6,000.00	
4140150	Deputy Town Clerk	1,000.00	
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	165.00	
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	3,758.42	
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	2,113.61	
Total 4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics		13,037.03
4150	Financial Administration		
4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	5,000.00	
4150125	Financial Services	3,540.00	
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	1,372.31	
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	1,790.36	
4150 -	Financial Administration – Other	0.00	
Total 4150	Financial Administration		11,702.67

4152-0 Revaluation of Individual Property		
4152100 Revaluation	3,780.00	
4152200 Reval Software	1,045.00	
Total 4152-0 Revaluation of Individual Property		4,825.00
4153-0 Legal Expenses		1,502.70
4155-22 Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes		2,014.17
4191-00 Planning & Zoning		991.02
4194-0 Government Buildings		
4194400 Utilities	7,160.88	
4194800 Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	14,739.68	
4194900 Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	900.00	
Total 4194-0 Government Buildings		22,800.56
4195-0 Cemetery		
4195600 Miscellaneous, Office Expense, Mem. Day	60.00	
4195900 Mowing & Maintenance	2,521.00	
Total 4195-0 Cemetery		2,581.00
4196-0 Insurance		
4196100 Property Liability-NHMA		4,042.75
4197-0 Advertising & Regional Association		1,856.56
4199-0 General Government-Contingency		5,301.65
4215-0 Ambulances		5,401.55
4220-0 Fire Department		
4220100 Salary - Fire Chief	750.00	
4220110 Firefighters Call Pay	1,474.65	
4220200 Training, Dues, Other	2,097.60	
4220400 Utilities	4,463.24	
4220600 Office & Miscellaneous	236.83	
4220630 Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	7,849.95	
4220635 Truck Fuel	934.14	
4220700 Equipment & Small Tools	2,127.78	
4220800 Building Maintenance & Supply	5,502.90	
Total 4220-0 Fire Department		25,437.09
4290 Emergency Management - Forest Fire		
4290100 Labor	141.15	
4290200 Training	99.54	
Total 4290 Emergency Management - Forest Fire		240.69
4299-0 Emergency Management - Communication		1,500.00

4312000 Highway Maintenance		
4312100 Highway Maintenance General	50,624.89	
Total 4312000 Highway Maintenance		50,624.89
4324-0 Solid Waste		
4324100 Administration	1,000.00	
4324200 Disposal	21,023.00	
Total 4324-0 Solid Waste		22,023.00
4415 Health Agencies & Hospitals		1,761.00
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		1,092.87
4449 Other Welfare		
4449100 Other Welfare & Donations	2,790.00	
Total 4449 Other Welfare		2,790.00
4520 Parks and Recreation		
4520100 Administrative Fees	1,000.00	
4520200 Tri-Town Recreation Program	8,145.00	
Total 4520 Parks and Recreation		9,145.00
4550 Library		301.64
4589 Other Culture and Recreation		
4589900 Boys & Girls Club	1,000.00	
Total 4589 Other Culture and Recreation		1,000.00
4619 Other Conservation		
4619101 Stream Analysis	2,500.00	
4619 Other Conservation – Other	1,653.69	
Total 4619 Other Conservation		4,153.69
4711 Construction Bond - Principal		4,096.61
4721 Construction Bond - Interest		2,253.15
4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve		20,500.00
4916 Transfer to Trust/Agency Funds		39,000.00
4931 County Taxes		109,020.00
4933100 Lafayette Regional School District		161,065.00
4933200 Profile School District		308,867.00
Total Expense		858,057.40
Net Ordinary Income		12,382.22
Net Income		$ 12,382.22

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash in Banks	$346,298.29
Other Current Assets	
Cash on Hand	100.00
Property Taxes Current Year	77,698.53
Property Taxes Previous Years	64.08
Tax Liens Receivable	2,898.69
Prepaid Expenses	6,014.79
Total Other Current Assets	86,776.09
Total Current Assets	433,074.38
Other Assets – Tax Deeded Property	1,442.97
Total Assets	$434,517.35
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
Property Taxes POA	$ 1,713.49
Withholding Taxes	3,282.70
Bills Payable	1,291.11
Due to School Districts	205,052.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	211,339.30
Equity	
Restricted Fund Balance - Conservation	709.85
Assigned Fund Balance	1,442.97
Unassigned Fund Balance	208,643.01
Net Income	12,382.22
Total Equity	223,178.05
Total Liabilities and Equity	$434,517.35

TREASURER'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Bank Balance- January 1, 2014		$ 312,564.73
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	$734,275.93	
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles, Fees, etc.	58,233.97	
From Federal & State Government	57,621.25	
From Capital Reserve Fund	17,646.95	
Bank Interest	361.38	
Other Sources	3,041.07	
Total 2014 Receipts		871,180.55
Total Available Receipts		$1,183,745.28
Disbursements:		
Grafton County - County Taxes	$109,020.00	
School Districts	429,258.00	
Selectmen Ordered Paid	299,068.99	
Total Disbursements		$837,346.99
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2014		$346,398.29

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
2014 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Town Portion	
Gross Appropriations	$273,658.00
Less: Revenues	(129,791.00)
Less: Shared Revenue	0.00
Add: Overlay	2,417.00
Add: War Service Credits	2,950.00
Net Town Appropriation	**149,234.00**
School Portion	
Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	469,932.00
State Education Taxes	(164,236.00)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	**305,696.00**
State Education Taxes	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x $2.48 $66,223,992.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) $66,681,827.00	**164,236.00**
County Portion	
Due to County	109,020.00
Less: Shared Revenues	(0.00)
Approved County Tax Effort	**109,020.00**
Total Property Taxes Assessed	728,186.00
Less: War Service Credits	(2,950.00)
Add: Village Commitment(s)	0.00
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$725,236.00**

2013 Tax Rate		**%**	**2014 Tax Rate**		**%**
Town	$ 1.99	18	Town	$ 2.22	20
County	1.65	16	County	1.61	15
School	4.55	43	School	4.52	42
State	2.43	23	State	2.46	23
	$10.62/1000	100%		$10.81/1000	100%

2014 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	$28,103,527.00
Buildings	38,598,300.00
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	$66,701,827.00
Electric Utilities	881,000.00
Total Valuation	**$67,582,827.00**
Change in Net Valuation over 2013 ($66,741,401.00)	$ 841,426.00

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector's office is continuing with an initiative we began two years ago. An Internet kiosk is available for you to look up taxes and view tax cards. This will greatly facilitate getting information, quickly, to those who express a need. The website is www.nhtaxkiosk.com.

As always, you can call the office (603-823-8017) Thursdays between 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. or stop in if you need more personal assistance.

Lisa Cutler
Easton Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2014 and Prior

		DEBITS		
			Levies of:	
		2014	2013	2012 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:				
Property Taxes	#3110	$	$53,152.29	$441.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance		(1,463.00)		
This Year's New Credits		(1,713.49)		
Taxes Committed This Year:				
Property Taxes	#3110	725,817.00		
Overpayment Refunds:				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	384.89	2,320.01	185.15
Total Debits		$723,025.40	$55,472.30	$626.15
		CREDITS		
Remitted To Treasurer:				
Property Taxes		$647,872.47	$48,490.76	$441.00
Interest & Penalties		384.89	2,320.01	185.15
Converted to Liens (Principal only)			4,578.95	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned		(1,463.00)		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes		246.00	18.50	
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080				
Property Taxes		77,698.53	64.08	
Property Tax Credit Balance*		(1,713.49)		
Total Credits		$723,025.40	$55,472.30	$626.15

*This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 10, 2015

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Articles 1 and 2. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of amending the Easton Zoning Ordinance Section 604, WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT, by adding the following:

Protection of Ponds and Streams to provide pure water quality and protect aquatic life.

1) There shall be a fifty (50) foot no cut buffer from natural ponds, 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams within the boundaries of the Town of Easton.

Conditions/Exceptions:

a) Buffer may be interrupted by paths to the water that are no more than 6 feet wide. On one lot having greater than 200 feet frontage, similar paths, no greater than 6 feet in width, may be constructed at intervals greater than 200 feet along frontage.

b) Existing lawns, gardens, or landscaped areas present prior to March 10, 2015 may continue but may only be expanded outside the no cut buffer zone.

c) Minor pruning or trimming of vegetation in buffer zone no lower than three feet or higher than ten feet above the ground may be done to control growth and provide view-scape.

d) Vegetative invasive species as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that are specific to New Hampshire may be removed by manual digging with care to minimize damage to root zone.

2) There shall be a one hundred (100) foot buffer from ponds, 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams restricted from the use of pesticides/herbicides/chemical fertilizers.

Conditions/Exceptions:

a) Pesticides/herbicides may be applied as a spot treatment for control of invasive species as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that are specific to New Hampshire by a professional applicator properly licensed by the N.H. Dept. of Agriculture.

b) Permitted fertilizers: lime, wood ash, and residential compost.

c) A 3-foot perimeter exempted zone around structures is created for control of household pests.

(Ballot Vote) (The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this Article.)

ARTICLE 3. Discontinuance of Easton Public Library
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Easton Public Library, and to authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of all books and materials therein, except those relating to Easton's history, and any costs incurred in so doing to be paid from the Library Memorial Fund. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$238,768.00** for general Town operation as follows:

Executive	$18,350.00
Election Registration,Town Clerk,Vital Stats	13,200.00
Financial Administration	13,200.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	11,340.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	1,800.00
Insurance	5,800.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,920.00
General Government - Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	0.00
Ambulances	4,900.00
Fire Department	21,800.00
Building Inspections	0.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fires	600.00
Emergency Management - Communication	7,500.00
Highway Maintenance	55,000.00
Solid Waste	23,948.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,761.00
Welfare Assistance	3,000.00
Other Welfare	2,790.00
Parks and Recreation	8,300.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Other Culture and Recreation	1,250.00
Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bond - Principal	4,500.00
Construction Bond - Interest	2,209.00
Total Operating Budget	$238,768.00

CHANGES TO TOWN OF EASTON'S
2015 WARRANT ARTICLES

Amended Article:
5. Darvid Farm and Forest Conservation Easement
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund to help meet expenses associated with the proposed conservation easement on 151 acres of the properties identified in the Town of Easton Tax Map 4 Lot 33, Map 4 Lot 34, Map 4 Lot 35, and Map 5 Lot 1; of this amount the entirety is to be paid to the easement holder: Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Change: "disburse" in the first line was removed and "appropriate" was put in it's place. The term "Conservation Fund" was replaced with "Conservation Capital Reserve Fund". This was done to make sure there was no confusion between this fund and the Reserve Conservation Fund.

Amended Article:
6. Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Change: the term "Conservation Fund" was replaced with "Conservation Capital Reserve Fund". This was done to make sure there was no confusion between this fund and the Reserve Conservation Fund.

Amended Article:
13. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance. _____.
(The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Change: The sentence "and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund" located at the end of the description of the Article was removed since the Selectmen are already agents to expend and if the Article were to fail to pass, the Selectmen would have been removed as agents to expend.

ARTICLE 5. Darvid Farm and Forest Conservation Easement
To see if the Town will vote to disburse the sum of $1,500.00 from the Conservation Fund to help meet expenses associated with the proposed conservation easement on 151 acres of the properties identified in the Town of Easton Tax Map 4 Lot 33, Map 4 Lot 34, Map 4 Lot 35, and Map 5 Lot 1; of this amount the entirety is to be paid to the easement holder: Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 6. Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $10,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $20,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 8. Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 231:59-a and 31:19-a, for the purpose of repair of any class VI highway which has been declared an emergency lane. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $2,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $2,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 9. Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 11. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 12. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 13. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 14. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Selectmen of Easton
Edward Cutler, Chairman
Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Deborah Stever

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year	$0.00	$ 0.00	$17,228.83	$9,209.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	0.00	5,137.49	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	0.00	126.36	2,806.52	3,287.39
Total Debits	$0.00	$5,263.85	$20,035.35	$12,496.81

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:				
Redemptions	$0.00	$ 2,231.18	$17,228.83	$9,209.42
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	0.00	126.36	2,806.52	3,287.39
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	0.00	7.62	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110	0.00	2,898.69	0.00	0.00
Total Credits	$0.00	$5,263.85	$20,035.35	$12,496.81

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	$57,334.97
Dog Registrations	479.00
Penalties	29.00
Copies	337.00
Marriage License & Certified Copies	0.00
Miscellaneous	54.00
Transferred to Town	$58,233.97

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name

None Reported

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage

None Reported

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased

None Reported

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
December 31, 2014

Assessed Values:	
Land - Town Hall and Fire Station	$ 90,500.00
Land - Deeded	15,200.00
Land - Cemetery	92,300.00
Building - Town Hall	247,200.00
Building - Fire Station	58,400.00
Estimated Values:	
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	18,900.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	600.00
Total Town Property	$688,585.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
December 31, 2014

	Principal	Interest	Total
Balance December 31, 2001	$120,000.00	$58,425.00	$178,425.00
Payments through 2013	71,516.77	47,399.84	118,916.61
Payments made in 2014	4,096.61	2,253.15	6,349.76
Balance Remaining 12/31/14	$ 44,386.62	$ 8,772.01	$ 53,158.63

Note: Loan from the USDA Rural Development for the Town Hall addition dated December 14, 2001. 30 year loan with payout over 20 years at 4.75% interest.

TOWN OF EASTON REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2014

Funds	Type of Fund	Beginning Balance	Additions Principal	Additions Interest	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Cemetery Maintenance	T/F	$ 13,038.07	$ 0.00	$ 38.07	$ 0.00	$ 13,076.14
Fire Dept. Equipment	CRF	20,370.69	20,000.00	33.37	0.00	40,404.06
Library Memorial	T/F	113.57	0.00	.06	113.63	0.00
Conservation	CRF	1,501.85	500.00	.94	0.00	2,002.79
Cemetery Maintenance	Exp/TF	0.00	1,000.00	.32	0.00	1,000.32
Town Building Repairs	Exp/TF	42,148.60	10,000.00	73.36	14,036.01	38,185.95
Road Maintenance	Exp/TF	72,489.33	9,500.00	158.27	0.00	82,147.60
Forest Fire	Exp/TF	1,000.66	1,000.00	1.66	0.00	2,002.32
Northern Pass Legal	Exp/TF	7,564.49	7,500.00	24.57	0.00	15,089.06
Fire Dept. Major Equip.	Exp/TF	0.00	10,000.00	9.75	3,610.94	6,398.81
	Totals	**$158,227.26**	**$59,500.00**	**$340.37**	**$17,760.58**	**$200,307.05**

T/F = Normal type fund. Trustees share discretion over spending.
CRF = Capital Reserve Funds. Needs Town vote to spend.
Exp/TF = Board of Selectmen have discretion over spending.

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET-2014

January 1, 2015

Expenditure	**Category**	**Budget**
	4220	
Fire Chief's Salary	100	$ 750.00
Fire Fighters Call Pay	110	3,200.00
Training, Dues, Other	200	750.00
Utilities	400	5,000.00
Office and Miscellaneous	600	300.00
Truck Inspection, Maintenance and Repair	630	4,500.00
Truck Fuel	636	1,000.00
Equipment and Small Tools (Includes Pager Grand $3,600)	700	4,500.00
Building Maintenance and Supplies	800	1,800.00
TOTAL		**$21,800.00**
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	**4290**	
Labor	500	$ 500.00
Equipment	300	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		**$22,300.00**

EASTON LIBRARY REPORT

Library Budget, Town		Memorial Trust
Office Supplies	$75.88	$103.68
Magazine Subscriptions	64.00	
18 Books	169.60	
Total	$309.48	Total Expenditures - 413.16

This year has been a most difficult one for the Library. Two out of our three Trustees have been out with serious family obligations, resulting in only intermittent services to our patrons. In addition, the Library's Trust Fund is exhausted.

The Board must reorganize itself and expand to meet the needs of our small community. While funding is certainly important, an adequate committed staff is essential. With only three Trustees, acting as administrators with occasional volunteer support, the future of the Library is in peril of circumstances.

If the Library, with the Conservation Commission, applied for a grant to provide handicap accessibility to the second floor of Easton Town Hall, we could become eligible for grants to expand into the enormous space of the Easton Town Hall attic which has been sitting idle since 1935. This could afford our active Conservation Commission a permanent place for lectures, exhibits, and perhaps a museum, available to all interested parties. Easton Public Library dates back to the 1800's, has survived several wars and dramatic changes in its economy and social structure, yet has managed to retain its small town integrity and rural values. It makes good sense for these two organizations to combine forces to better serve our community, now and in the future.

Please consider volunteering to keep our Library open and convey your support to your Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Easton Public Library Board of Trustees
Bunny Ford
Laura Treuman
Denys Draper

PLANNING BOARD

The Easton Planning Board continues to meet the first Thursday of every month (except August), 7:00 p.m. at the Easton Town Hall. We encourage anyone with questions regarding property ownership to attend one of our monthly meetings. A discussion regarding objectives having to do with your property is encouraged. Hopefully the Board can aid you in achieving these objectives keeping the regulations of the Town in mind. The regulations, both Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations are found on the Town's website along with meeting minutes and notices. www.townofeastonnh.org

During the past year, the Planning Board has, besides routine issues, undertaken two major projects. The first was the finalization of a subdivision in Town. The process for this subdivision began a few years ago and its successful completion marked the end of a long process for both the landowners and the Board.

The second project involved working in conjunction with the Easton Conservation Commission to add to the Easton Zoning Ordinances, Section 604 Wetlands Conservation Overlay District. Voting on these amendments will take place at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The text of all amendments is found in the middle of this Town Report. We encourage all voters to read the amendments carefully so as to cast an informed vote.

The Planning Board welcomes a new member, Sam Brown. Sam joined the Board this year to replace long time member, Kathy Ouellette. He has offered advice and input on various issues that have come before the Board. The Planning Board is always looking for civic minded individuals to consider serving the Town in this capacity.

Respectfully,
The Easton Planning Board

James Collier – Chairman
Gary Harwood
Sam Brown
Phil Reeder
Zak Mei (Ex Officio)

EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission was busy in 2014 on a range of projects aimed at protecting Easton's outstanding natural character, consistent with the Town Master Plan.

Protecting our Watersheds

- Prepare and supported the nomination of the Ham Branch in New Hampshire's Rivers Management and Protection Program.
- Worked with Planning Board and Select Board to propose 2015 amendment, addressing gaps in the wetlands zoning ordinances.
- Secured a $2500 grant for an Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT)-sponsored study of the Ham Branch by Plymouth State University.
- Conducted a field trip to document discarded utility poles in and around Reel Brook. Working with the Select Board, White Mountain National Forest (WMNF), NH Department of Environmental Services and PSNH to secure a mitigation plan.
- Met with WMNF District Ranger and staff to discuss the Bowen Brook Project, including proposed timber harvesting as well as watershed, wildlife and recreation management in Easton over the next decade.

Land Conservation

- Coordinated with ACT and the Society for Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) to meet with landowners interested in conservation easements.
- Working with SPNHF and residents to raise funds for Darvid Farm Conservation Easement.

Northern Pass

- Engaged in the state legislative process, attending hearings, providing written input and testifying. Published articles in newspapers across New Hampshire.
- Participated in a hike sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club and SPNHF to educate US Senator Ayotte on negative impact of project in Easton.

Energy

- Made a presentation to Lafayette School Board in support of a propane/wood pellet boiler system as a replacement for the aging oil boiler, citing environmental, jobs, cost and lifecycle investment benefits.

Outreach and Education

- Conducted five public meetings on topics from water quality to wildlife tracking, including a field trip on Cooley-Jericho Community Forest with ACT.

The Conservation Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 8:00AM to 9:30AM, and **always** welcomes ideas, visitors and new members! Please join us.

Roy Stever, Chair
Kris Pastoriza, Vice-Chair
Maria Hynes, Member
Anita Craven, Member
Steve Sabre, Member
Deborah Stever, Member
Beth Harwood, Member
Carl Lakes, Alternate
Mike Platt, Alternate

CALEX AMBULANCE SERVICE

As we approach March 2015, it will be two years of operation in New Hampshire serving the Towns of Littleton, Easton, and Sugar Hill, operating out of the Littleton Fire Station on Main Street. We continue to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Our responses are down a bit in the Town of Easton, with 30 total in 2013 and 17 in 2014. The big difference is that 11 out of the 17 were no transports.

CALEX Management, the Board of Directors, and the dedicated staff, continually strive to provide the best possible emergency medical care with the highest quality of professionals. We continue to utilize crew resource management by moving ambulances and staff across the region to provide coverage during peak demands on the system while at the same time keeping expenses as low as possible without risking patient care. This has proven to be successful in our Vermont operation in 2014. The model allows us to cover a large square mile region which has low volume by reducing response times and keeping resources at a minimum. We move crews and ambulances centrally to cover when other trucks are out of the area or busy handling emergencies. This allows our crews to be in the vehicle and ready to rapidly respond when the next emergency happens.

Our cost of readiness, having crews available 24/7/365 is costly. This year alone we have over 984 no transports between all of our stations – Vermont 511 and New Hampshire 473. These no transports do not generate any additional income, however creates expenses such as employee and vehicle related expenses. While we continue to strive to keep our town appropriations level funded, each year it becomes a greater challenge given the amount of no transports, rising costs of medical supplies, vehicle expenses and insurance reimbursements which do not always cover the costs of providing the service. We were able to keep our appropriation requests for 2015 at the same amount as 2014, however given the rising costs and increasing number of no transports our Board of Directors may be considering an increase moving into 2016.

CALEX continues to provide Paramedic Intercept services to the surrounding areas beyond its primary service areas as well as Critical Care Paramedic Transport services to the most critically ill patients in our region. CALEX currently employs 10 full-time and 35 per diem EMT's & Paramedics. 14 of our staff are trained at the Paramedic level which is the highest pre-hospital care certification and allows us to continually provide the highest quality of care to our residents and visitors. We had several employees advance their certification level this year including one 20 year veteran who is now our newest Paramedic. I am extremely proud of my staff as we had several positive patient outcomes and lives which were given second chances thanks to our dedicated and highly trained staff.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. Of course, having seen first-hand the positive difference immediate CPR and First Aid can make to patient outcomes, we urge everyone, from

teens to seniors to take part in these classes. Imagine the joy in knowing you made the difference in saving a life, easing fears, and/or discomfort. Those who have been able to make the difference in even the life of a stranger will tell you how wonderful the experience truly is. Visit us at www.calexambulance.org to sign up today!

As we end 2014, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Wright, NREMT-P
Chief Executive Officer

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD/AMBULANCE

The Franconia Life Squad currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years end has twelve (12) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of our members are certified in advanced CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The current list of active members of the Franconia Ambulance is:

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT

Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT		Capt. Pam Oakman AEMT
William Mead Paramedic		Allan Clark EMT
John Ireland EMT		Steven Czarnecki Paramedic
Bill Blackwell AEMT		Susan Simpson EMT
Linda Mordhorst EMT-B	Zach Chicione EMT	Ned Wilson EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 283 calls for assistance during 2014, of those 163 required transport.

In 2014, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were $58,729.09 Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled $87,483.33. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost with a surplus of $28,754.24 returned to the Town of Franconia. Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level.

Again I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. And I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker-Chief
Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2014 saw the emergence of a new town trash bag with the color changing from green to purple. It also saw the end of the Swap Shop. The closure was carefully debated. It was a necessary move that had to be done. We also had a 5% increase in our recycling tonnage. All things considered, not a bad year. Thank you for your support.

- Cardboard - 78.3 tons
- News paper - 27.6 tons
- Mixed paper - 38.6 tons
- Magazines - 18.7tons
- Aluminum - 3.5 tons
- Tin - 7.3 tons
- Plastics - 11.5 tons
- Scrap Metal - 18.6 tons
- Glass - 132.4 tons
- Textiles - 48 tons
- Electronics - 7.30 tons
- Tires - 6.1 tons

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew,
Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Nate Hartford
Corey Rush

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee saw a 2014 filled with events, activities, and sporting fun for residents of all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we're continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

Lafayette Recreation sponsors or assists with several events each year: Old Home Day in July, the Top Notch Triathlon in August, the Fox Hill 5K Trail Run in September, and the Wobble-n-Gobble in November. We are continuing work to inventory, maintain, map, and sign the many trails in our three towns. Anyone interested in adopting a trail may email recreation@franconianh.org. We also sponsor Earth Day activities in the spring, Old Home Day Fireworks, a series of summer concerts on the Dow, the Halloween bonfire, and the Community Holiday Party in December.

These events throughout the year bring our communities and residents together to visit and celebrate the beautiful place we call home. This year's holiday party was expanded to include downtown Franconia businesses and activities for all ages, including caroling at the Lafayette Center and a visit by Santa at the Village Store.

The Triathlon, Wobble-n-Gobble and Fox Hill Trail Run are also fundraisers for Lafayette Recreation. These, along with the annual Halloween Cup soccer tournament – which had its biggest year ever in 2014, with 44 teams – have allowed the Committee to incorporate several positive changes over the past few years, including improvements to the skating rink in town, the addition of a much-needed storage shed at the Dow fields, and last year's purchase of an 14-passenger van.

The van has been used quite a bit in its first year, including outings by the Summer Rec program offered to children of our communities, as adult transportation to a bowling alley, a hockey tournament, the Littleton Rotary Club's Lobster Dinner, fire training, and to carry fans to a Profile School playoff soccer game.

Largely through the efforts of our Recreation Director Kim Cowles, we are continually expanding our adult recreational offerings. Beyond the concerts and community events listed above, this year also saw curling on the Franconia ice rink, swimming at Evergreen Gym, and dancing in the Franconia Town Hall with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire.

Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler oversees our summer Recreation program of 97 enrolled campers and 13 counselors and orchestrates school-year sports through Lafayette Regional School. From fall soccer (including the hugely successful Annual Halloween Cup) to winter basketball and spring T-ball, baseball, and softball, these programs engage almost 95% of the Lafayette Regional School children with the essential assistance of over 20 dedicated volunteer coaches and officials. Information about our youth programs can be found at www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com

For 2015, we're looking into the possibility of grooming a Nordic ski loop around the Dow and potentially through town and planning a June 21st "The Longest Day" event. This will be a day of community, wellness, and Alzheimer's awareness. Stay tuned for

details! Also, making its return this spring is the Snap Shot Challenge. Visit www.franconianh.org to find the pictures and see how well you know our communities.

Finally, the Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank; residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Lafayette Committee Members
Franconia: Beth Horan, Adam Boyer, & Meghan McPhaul
Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland & Launa Glover
Easton: Sue Ford & Matt Koehler
Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk
Kris Kappler, Youth Programs Director
Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

COOLEY-JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT

Thanks to the support of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September, 2013. This 843-acre forest has great public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, offers educational uses, and will provide timber income to the towns over the long term. Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust owns the land on behalf of the communities.

The Stewardship Team of representatives of the four towns, plus ACT and many others, has been working to plan for how we manage this land now and into the future. We know that nature will take its course, and we can't anticipate the unforeseen, such as severe ice storms, wind events, or fire. We nevertheless can and should follow a management strategy based on what the land tells us, and craft our uses to best complement the property's natural features and the interests of our communities in recreation, education, and other goals.

The Stewardship Team meets regularly and many of its members have also done field research. Last winter we inventoried wildlife tracks along predetermined routes, and in the spring we did the same thing with breeding birds. Meanwhile, our consulting ecologist has been over almost every square foot of the property, and has prepared detailed maps of the natural features and forest types. With this information, we've started mapping potential recreational trails. Here's some of what's coming this year:

- This spring and summer we'll start constructing trails. The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) will assist with trail planning and construction.
- Thanks to the Town of Sugar Hill for making the Trumpet Round Road entrance easier for parking.
- A local Eagle Scout aspirant will build a kiosk at the Trumpet Round Road entrance.
- We're working with the AMC and Plymouth State University on using the Forest as an outdoor classroom for environmental and other education. We're exploring this with the Lafayette and Lisbon school districts.
- The 30-Year Management and Stewardship Plan will be drafted for community review, and then finalized.

Updates on what's happening on the Forest are at www.cooley-jericho.org, or call ACT at 823-7777. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

Submitted on behalf of the CJCF Stewardship Team

Rebecca A. Brown
Executive Director, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE AGENCY

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Hospice volunteers provide valuable support to those living with a life-limiting illness.

Although many of North Country Home Health & Hospice's services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid, and State grant programs, our reimbursement under these programs continues to fall significantly short of actual expenses. Unfunded cost such as mileage reimbursement has also drastically affected the Agency's financial performance. Our hospice volunteer program depends largely on community donations to exist. Hard economic times are resulting in an increase in the number of uninsured and underinsured residents in need of home health and hospice care. In order for us to be able to continue to provide quality care so urgently needed by our community, financial support from our towns is vital.

It is our sincere hope that the residents of Easton will continue to support North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency in the amount of $800.00.

A formal written report of services provided to residents of Easton will be forwarded to the Selectmen as soon as possible after the close of the current calendar year.

The Board of Directors and Staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice appreciate the continued support of the valuable services we provide to the residents of Easton. Please call if you need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Simmons
Finance Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-14, 10 older residents of Easton were served by one or more of the Council's programs through the Littleton Area Senior Center, and 5 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Easton residents enjoyed 119 hot nutritious meals with others in the Littleton Area Senior Center dining room.
- Easton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 17 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- ServiceLink assisted Easton residents on 22 occasions, and our outreach worker assisted Easton residents on three occasions.
- Easton citizens also volunteered 37 hours to GCSCC, sharing their time and talent.

The cost to provide Council services for Easton residents in 2013-14 was $1,893.62.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Easton's population over age 60 has increased by 79.6% over the past 20 years according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Easton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enables them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

ACHS has been a vital part of the community since 1975 and **provides comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, *regardless of their ability to pay.*** Support from the Town of Easton is extremely important in our continued effort to provide affordable health care services to the 26 rural towns in our service area. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for uninsured and underinsured patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit, or worse yet, hospitalization because they could not afford to go to the doctor prior to the emergent episode. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers $1,000-$1,500 (average cost of an ER visit).

Access to affordable oral health care is difficult for many in the North Country who lack the means to pay for these services. Poor oral health can lead to many other serious health issues and often leads to costly hospital ER visits where the actual causes of the problem cannot be addressed. ACHS has been working diligently over the past several years to address this problem and we are very happy to report that we have opened the ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center – the first community oral health program in northern New Hampshire on the ACHS-Littleton campus. This program is available to all and we offer a sliding fee scale for payment to those who qualify. For more information about this program, please visit our website: www.ammonoosuc.org/services/dental.

Services Provided

- Comprehensive Primary Preventive Medical Care – Wellness Screening, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease Management, Geriatrics, Acute Illness Care
- Prenatal Care – Childbirth Education, Nurse/Midwife Services and Newborn Care
- Family Planning – Birth Control, STD and HIV Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Health – Counseling
- Oral Health Referrals and Voucher Program **(The ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center is now open)**
- Pharmacy Services – In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services – Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients

ACHS Statistics

- Number of Unduplicated Medical Clients Served – 9,670
- Number of Medical Visits – 35,978
- Client/Payor Mix: 15.9% Medicaid, 20.9% Medicare, 14.4% Uninsured, 48.87% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients – $731,148
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients – $1,679,505 (Sliding Fee Scale)

Town of Easton Statistics

- Total # of Patients – 68
- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 3
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 192
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 2
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 7

Respectfully submitted,
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSEd
Chief Executive Officer

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, $2,150 in funding from the Town of Easton. The funds requested are used in two very important ways. We receive matching grants to continue providing direct assistance to your citizens. Secondly, your local Community Contact Office is only funded by the Fuel Assistance programs from December through April. We start taking applications in July so applications can be processed by the time the program opens, saving Towns substantial money in their Town Welfare budget for emergency heating assistance.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF EASTON HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF $14,683.55 IN ASSISTANCE.

The following is a report of services provided in the fiscal year July 2013 - June 2014:

Services Provided:	Number of Households	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	9	$ 8,850.00
Electrical Assistance	5	660.65
Weatherization	1	4,336.00
Energy Assistance Programs (Citizens/KYNWF/NHN etc.)	2	836.90
		$14,683.55

Tri-County CAP provides the above and other critical services for the less fortunate citizens in your Town and surrounding communities, thus easing the increasing burden on Town Welfare budgets, **year round**.

We sincerely appreciate Easton's past support and look forward to continuing our partnership with your Town.

Sincerely,
Karen Hoyt
Littleton Community Contact Manager

NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES
White Mountain Mental Health

This year has been marked by several nationally reported tragedies, including an escalation in school shootings and the very high profile suicide death of Robin Williams. These events are in the news, but there are also many local, private tragedies that result from unidentified or untreated mental illness. Access to treatment for all community residents, especially those who are in crisis and do not have the means to pay for private treatment, helps assure that all community members stay safe.

Some of the highlights of 2014:

- In partnership with all seven hospitals in the NHS service area, we continue to provide emergency mental health evaluations via video. Hours of wait time and costly and dangerous travel will be eliminated by this service.
- Children in need of expert evaluation by a child psychiatrist continue to be seen by a Dartmouth Child Psychiatrist, via video, from our Littleton office. Feedback from children and their families has been very positive.
- Mental Health Court is thriving in Grafton County. People who commit non-violent crimes as the result of mental illness are offered support, resources and treatment, rather than costly incarceration.
- In this tough economy, employment is a huge challenge for many of our clients. To respond to this need, we now employ a supported employment specialist who is specially trained in assisting persons with mental illness to seek, obtain and keep jobs. This is one of the "evidence-based practices" we have implemented, using methods that have been proven to be effective in studies across the country.
- We have implemented training via the internet for our staff, saving substantial money and time and offering our employees a huge array of educational options.
- We now provide services in the school building and during the school day in three school districts. Families who might not have otherwise been able to come to our offices now have easy access to care in school with home-based services also available after school.

All of these varied activities depend on the support of our towns. This year our mental health offices served 3 people from the Town of Easton, providing 36.88 hours of counseling.

Thank you for your continued support of our services. We want to be here when you need us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

The Center for New Beginnings has been quietly helping local individuals and families around the North Country, some of whom are your friends, family members, neighbors and employees, lead happier, more stable and productive lives for over 25 years. The Center was founded with a main focus of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Today our nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people who struggle with depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, marital problems and many other difficulties. The children and teenagers we see come with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time.

We are often asked "What makes you different from Northern Human Services?" We are not a federally funded community mental health center. We are an independent non-profit. We provide short-term care for acute issues, rather than long-term care for more chronic cases. There is a substantial need for both types of services and currently we both have waiting lists.

Thankfully, with the Affordable Care Act, more and more of our clients have insurance coverage. However, many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays. A deductible of three or five thousand dollars is not unusual – and for many this means getting help is out of their reach.

In 2014, The Center for New Beginnings logged 6523 patient appointments. ***Five of our clients reside in Easton***. We are asking for your help. We are requesting $250 from the Town for the upcoming year. When we do have extra funds available, such as these Town donations, we have the flexibility to assist our clients who have difficulty meeting their high deductibles or co-pays.

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and able to positively contribute to our community. Healthy children do better in school, control behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and acquaintances. Everyone benefits from a population that is mentally healthy.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
The Center for New Beginnings

Tony Poekert, Board Chairman, Dalton
Ellen Malessa, Easton
Sue Dunn, Littleton
Eileen Alexander, Whitefield
Nancy Dickowski, Bethlehem
Lisa Romprey, Lisbon

TOWN OF EASTON

FEES

(As of March 2015 - Subject to Change)

Building Permit Application Fee

$75.00

9-1-1 Building Numbering

$30.00

Current Use Application

$20.00

Driveway Permit for Town Roads

$20.00

Reappraisal Charges

$45.00

Subdivision Application Fees
Minor and Major Subdivisions: $200.00
Plus $10.00 per Abutter
This Covers All Filing Fees

Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: $10.00

Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances
Available on the Town of Easton Website - www.townofeastonnh.org
Planning Board Link
Paper Copies for Review Available at Town Hall

Copies

Taxpayers - $0.10 per page
Non-Taxpayers - $0.25 per page
Non-Resident Tax Card - $2.00

Faxes

$1.00 per page

Clerical Time to Meet Miscellaneous Information Requests
$25.00 per Hour, Payable Before Information Is Released.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Medical Emergency

9-1-1

New Hampshire State Police – Troop F

846-3333

Fire Chief

Charles Casey – 823-0020 or 616-8053

Fire Wardens

Warden – Arthur Rainville – 823-9558
Deputy – Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152
Deputy – Charles Casey – 823-0020
Deputy – Edward Cutler – 823-5050
Deputy – Zhenye Mei – 823-7264

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017
Town Hall Fax – 823-7780

Hours
Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
and by appointment

A license for all dogs is required by May 1, 2015

A Current Rabies Certificate is required in order to obtain a dog license in the Town of Easton.

Select Board Meetings for 2015

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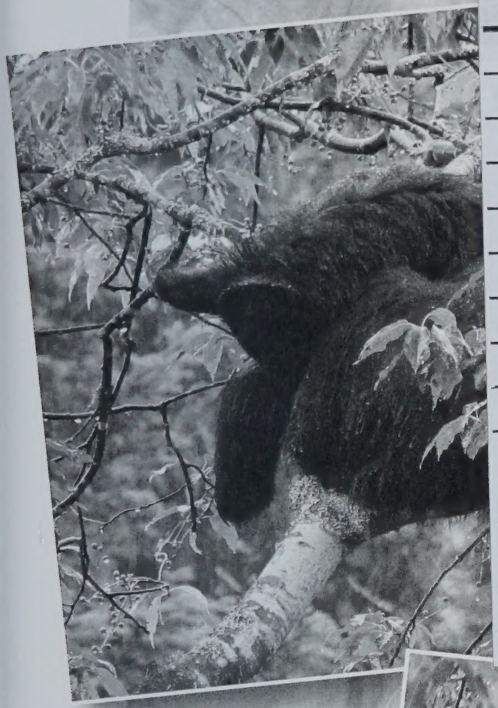
Select Board Meetings – 6:00 p.m. every other Monday evening.
Meetings on MLK's Birthday, Memorial Day and Labor Day are rescheduled for the next day (Tuesday).

***Planning Board Meetings** – 7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month.

Department Head Meetings with the Select Board – by request.

Loop Road Visitors



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